

EVALUATION RUBRICS FOR RAPID TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER GRANT (RTTG)

Research Proposals under the **Rapid Technology Transfer Grant (RTTG)** will be assessed by review panels/ expert evaluators based on the following **Evaluation Criteria**. The reviewers will comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal and assign score on the basis of **Grading Scale**.

Evaluation Criteria

<p>Relevance to the Priority Thematic Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposal clearly identify the RTTG Priority Thematic Area, and describe what aspects of the thematic area that the proposed innovation will address? • Are the identified aspects of the Priority Thematic Area significant and important enough to merit RTTG award?
<p>Potential Impact of Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposal clearly identify an Innovation relevant to the COVID-19 pandemic? • Is the Innovation significant and important enough to merit a Rapid TTRG award to address COVID-19? • Is there a need for the proposed Innovation?
<p>Proposed Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposal identify the appropriate research and development questions necessary to move the potential application from university research to commercial application? • Are the proposed research and development activities reasonable? Does the proposed workplan demonstrate a viable path towards commercialization? • Is the current status of the innovation appropriate for support under RTTG? • Are the intermediate milestones reasonable to bring the innovation to market within the project timeline (6 months)? • Does the proposal appropriately address the commercial, legal and regulatory issues associated with the innovation? • Does the proposal appropriately address the health guidelines (including those from the World Health Organization) related to COVID-19 and the proposed innovation?
<p>Project Team & Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the project team have the necessary skills to implement the project in a timely fashion? • Do the sectoral partners bring appropriate knowledge and expertise – in research, development and/or commercialization – to the proposed project? • Does the proposal clearly describe the roles of all partners – academic and sectoral – in enabling the innovation to reach the marketplace in a manner that addresses COVID-19?
<p>Capacity to Implement RTTG Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the project team have the appropriate track record to deliver on the RTTG program? • Is the PI qualified to lead the RTTG project? • Does the proposal describe appropriate milestones to be delivered during the project lifetime? • Does the research team have access to the physical resources and facilities necessary to implement the RTTG project (these can be on-site at the host institution, available through the sectoral partners or elsewhere)? • Is the project budget reasonable? Is the budget appropriately allocated to ensure that the project goals can be achieved? • Does the proposal describe an adequate risk management strategy?
<p>Integration of Proposal Elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposal present a compelling case for support? • In its entirety, does the proposal inspire confidence in the capacity of the team to commercialize the academic research in a timely manner?
<p>Does the proposed innovation address a critical need in the COVID-19 pandemic?</p>

Grading Scale

Grading Scale	Description
7- Outstanding	Exceptionally strong proposal with negligible weaknesses
6-Excellent	Very strong proposal with negligible weaknesses
5-Very Good	Very strong Proposal with minor weaknesses
4-Good	Strong proposal with minor weaknesses
3-Average	Proposal having some strengths but moderate weaknesses
2-Weak	Proposal having few strengths with major weaknesses
1-Poor	Proposal having very few strengths with numerous major weaknesses